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City of Chicago
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS
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IN THE MATTER OF

Peter Belcina,

Complainant,

and

George Jacob and
Sonia Jacob,

Respondents.

Gina M. Jodlmon,
Peregrino Vitorillo and
Lyle Belcina,

Complainants,

and

George Jacob and Sonia
Jacob,

Respondents.

CASE NO. 91-FHO-16-5601

Hearing Officer:
Jeffrey L. Taren

CASE No.

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O R D E R

THE CHICAGO COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS HEREBY ORDERS:

The Complainants have filed a Motion to Consolidate three
related complaints into the first filed complaint Peter Belcina -

v- George and Sonia Jacob. No objections have been filed to this Motion.

Section 210.150 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance provides that:

Whenever two or more Complaints or claims involve common questions of law or fact, the Commission may consolidate them or it may order a joint Conciliation Conference or Administrative Hearing concerning the common question(s) whenever this can be done without prejudice to the parties.

The four complaints at issue here clearly involve common questions both of law and fact. All four of the complainants allege claims of discrimination on the basis of national origin against the same respondents stemming from the exact same incidents. It is apparent that the witnesses would be identical in all four of these complaints. It would save considerable administrative time and resources if these four complaints were jointly tried at one administrative hearing.

The only real issue, therefore, is whether the respondents would be prejudiced by the consolidation for public hearing of these four complaints. Discovery has closed in the Peter Belcina complaint. However, the respondent has long been aware of the complaints filed by the co-tenants of Peter Belcina. The complainant has answered respondent's discovery with regard to each of the other three complainants. Therefore, there is no prejudice.

I will grant the Motion to Consolidate on the condition that no further discovery be propounded. The Pretrial Order shall be

filed on September 2, 1991 and shall include the claims contained in each of the consolidated complaints.

A PARTY MAY OBTAIN REVIEW OF THIS ORDER ONLY AFTER THE COMMISSION HAS ISSUED AN ORDER DISMISSING THE COMPLAINT OR RULING UPON AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING.

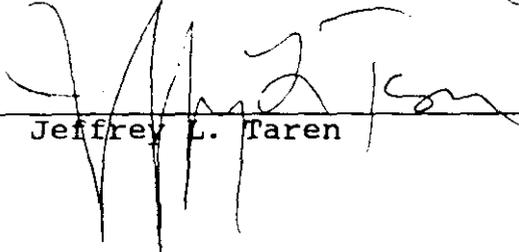
CHICAGO COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

CLARENCE N. WOOD
Chair/Commissioner

BY: JEFFREY L. TAREN
Hearing Officer

Date: Aug 23 1991

Entered this 23rd Day of August, 1991



Jeffrey L. Taren